



MICHELE REAGAN
Secretary of State
State of Arizona

April 10, 2018

The White House
Office of the Vice President
Attn: Mr. Vice President Pence
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: House Concurrent Memorial 2002

Dear Mr. Vice President:

The Fifty-third Legislature – Second Regular Session of the State of Arizona, passed HCM 2002 and filed it in my office on April 9, 2018. The language in this resolution requires that my office transmit copies to the President of the United States Senate. Please find enclosed a copy of HCM 2002.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michele Reagan".

Michele Reagan
Arizona Secretary of State Michele Reagan

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MICHELE REAGAN

SECRETARY OF STATE

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Fifty-third Legislature
Second Regular Session
2018

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2002

A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF UNITED STATES CUSTOMS FIELD OFFICE PERSONNEL AT THE PORTS OF ENTRY IN NOGALES, DOUGLAS AND SAN LUIS, ARIZONA.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the United States and Mexico are important trade partners,
4 and commerce between the two countries is a critical source of jobs,
5 income and exchange; and

6 Whereas, according to the United States Department of Commerce, more
7 than \$500 billion in bilateral trade and over \$100 billion in cross-border
8 investment occur annually; and

9 Whereas, in Arizona, \$28 billion in two-way trade is processed
10 annually through Arizona's ports of entry; and

11 Whereas, according to the United States Census Bureau, Arizona
12 exports to Mexico totaled \$7.1 billion in 2013; and

13 Whereas, the prime conduits for cross-border trade are through the
14 ports of entry in Nogales, Douglas and San Luis, Arizona; and

15 Whereas, the Customs Field Office personnel within the United States
16 Customs and Border Protection service of the United States Department of
17 Homeland Security serve a vital function in promoting security and
18 economic stability; and

19 Whereas, the lack of capacity and staffing for customs inspections
20 at these primary entry points creates congestion for incoming and outgoing
21 goods, hampers commercial activity and potentially compromises border
22 security; and

23 Whereas, these impediments ultimately translate into perished
24 agricultural produce and lost business opportunities and income; and

25 Whereas, the rapid delivery of goods and commerce enhances business
26 activity and strengthens economic integration; and

27 Whereas, greater inspection capacity at the ports of entry in
28 Nogales, Douglas and San Luis, Arizona will enhance the safety and
29 swiftness of goods moving across the border, benefiting the economies of
30 both nations; and

31 Whereas, increasing the number of Customs Field Office personnel at
32 these United States border sites will facilitate commercial traffic and
33 will result in increased economic growth and stability for Arizona; and

34 Whereas, a letter dated October 14, 2014 that was signed by every
35 member of the Arizona Congressional delegation and sent to the United
36 States Department of Homeland Security expressed the need for greater
37 staffing and allocation of personnel to Arizona's ports of entry.

38 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
39 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

40 1. That the United States Congress act expeditiously to increase
41 and maintain staffing for qualified and properly vetted Customs Field
42 Office personnel at the ports of entry in Nogales, Douglas and San Luis,
43 Arizona in order to prudently speed the flow of goods and commerce.

44 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit
45 copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the
46 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of
47 Congress from the State of Arizona.

Passed the House February 21, 20 18

by the following vote: 45 Ayes,

13 Nays, 2 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House
☐ Pro Tempore

[Signature]
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate April 5, 20 18

by the following vote: 28 Ayes,

0 Nays, 2 Not Voting

[Signature]
President of the Senate

[Signature]
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Memorial received by the Secretary of State

this 9 day of April, 20 18

H.C.M. 2002

at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]
Secretary of State